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U.S. Patent Documents

<i>Document No.</i>	<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Date</i>
6,019,771	Bennett et al.	02-01-2000
6,193,653	Evans et al.	02-27-2001

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The documents are being submitted within three (3) months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later.

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To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner-initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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